



Governor's Forest Health OVERSIGHT Council Meeting

October 2, 2003 – 9:30 AM

Tucson Pima Public Library, 101 North Stone

MINUTES

Members in Attendance:

Co-Chair Honorable Tom O'Halleran, Arizona House of Representatives

Steve Campbell, Navajo County Cooperative Extension

Marty Moore (proxy) for?

Todd Schulke, Center for Biological Diversity

Rob Smith, Sierra Club

Beth Zimmerman, Arizona Department of Emergency Management

Presenter

Karl Siderits

Meeting Called to Order

By Representative O'Halleran

Discussion and Action

Karl Siderits briefed the Councils on the Healthy Forest bills being considered by Congress. Handouts comparing the bills were distributed.

The bulk of the meeting was devoted to discussion of questions to be included in a letter to the Ranger of the Southwest region of the USDA Forest Service, Harv Forsgren. The questions from the Council members included an analysis of the current market for small diameter wood products, the status of NEPA approvals on Federal Land, and other information that will be needed to plan for forest health restoration and community protection. The Council agreed to review the next draft, which would be forwarded to members via e-mail before the next meeting.

William Jones, of Pima County was scheduled to provide a briefing on the International Wildland Urban Interface that was recently adopted. He did not appear.

Corey Cox reported that a presentation on the Forest Land Enhancement Grant Project (FLEP) would be to a subsequent meeting.

Announcements and Public Comments

There was no public comment.

Future Meeting Dates – The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 29 in Phoenix at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:07 by Beth Zimmerman (at Representative O'Halleran's request).